

Dear Parishioners

The schools return this week and mark the end of the summer holidays. Hopefully you found at least one day of sunshine.

The weather did its best to upset what was a busy August Bank holiday weekend. Braving the rain our parish float, bearing the banner **The Parish Our Lady of the Valley** above **The catholic communities of Clitheroe and Sabden** was given a lead position in the Torchlight Procession and was loudly applauded by the crowd lining the route. The float, decorated with an array of bells and lights, was escorted by children from both our primary schools ringing a variety of hand bells. They had a great time despite the weather! Mention must be made of the organisers: Mike Bradley, Sion and Janet Hall, Andrew and Jane Brown, Peter White and Vincent Murray. The float's decorations will remain in church this week.

On Bank Holiday Monday over 50 parishioners looked to the sky, crossed their fingers and made their ways to the old cemetery for the annual outdoor Requiem Mass where we were joined by Fr Wareing. Thankfully the rain held off until Mass had ended.

In the afternoon over 100 participants (two came all the way from Edinburgh) gathered in the Hall for the **Right to Life** sponsored walk, now named the **Phyllis Bowman Memorial Walk**. After short speeches from MPs Jim Dobbin and Fiona Bruce and Lord David Alton all marched off into the rain. Almost 8 miles later we returned to pots of piping hot tea and tables groaning under sandwiches and cakes prepared by our ladies. Walkers I spoke with commented on the hospitality and friendliness of the parishioners of St Michael and Johns.

Pictures from all events are on the website.

Social Centre Committee please meet Tuesday 7.30pm in the presbytery.

July's Parish Forum voted for a weekday evening Mass to accommodate those who cannot attend the 9o'clock morning Mass. So, for an experimental period there will be an evening Mass on Thursdays at 7.30pm. This will replace the morning Mass and as Eucharistic Services may only be held in the absence of a Mass, there will be no morning service on Thursdays. There will be no evening Mass when a Requiem Mass is celebrated during the day.

Welcome back, Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe & Sabden

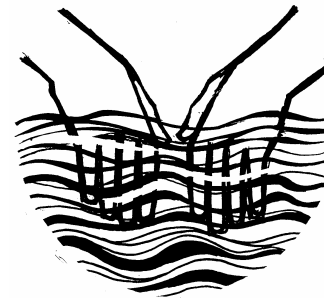
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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) - 2nd Sept 2012

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday & Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Evening Mass at 7.30pm

Friday

Requiem Mass 11am - Helena Thompson

Saturday (8th September)

11am-11.55am - Exposition 11am - 11.45am Reconciliation (Confession)

11.30am - Rosary 12noon Eucharistic Service 6pm First Mass of Sunday (quiet)

St Mary's Church Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am

Friday - No Mass

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

William Brown, Brian Hodgson, Dorothy Hunt, Agnes Kenyon, David Devine, Margaret Batts, Ann Wharton, Ida Bradshaw, Andrew Morton, Thomas Davies, Helen & Jason, Mark Jezierski, Catherine Murray, Bernard Lawton x 5, Special intention, William Roberts, Margaret Regan, Sick friend

SICK

Sally Hickling, Carolyn Anwyl, Helena Thompson

LATELY DEAD

Agnes Kenyon, Andrew Morton, Mark Jezierski, Catherine Murray, Bernard Lawton, William Roberts, Pat Morris, Helena Thompson

ANNIVERSARIES

William Brown, Brian Hodgson, Dorothy Hunt, David Devine, Margaret Batts, Thomas Davies, Margaret Regan

OFFERTORY

Clitheroe £654.10 Sabden £171.21 Many thanks

Please note: the Social Centre is now open 7 days a week from 7pm and Sunday lunchtime from 12noon - 3pm

SOCIAL CENTRE Sunday evening In addition to the usual Quiz on a Sunday evening is 'Play your Cards Right'. Please come along - Everyone welcome

SOCIAL CENTRE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL Memberships can be renewed from 8.30pm every Monday or Friday evening

CATHOLIC SINGLES is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Tel 0161 941 3498, website www.catholicssingles.org.uk or email info@catholicssingles.org.uk

CARITAS - FAITH IN PEOPLE at Holy Cross Sixth Form College Bury Saturday 13th October 9.30am - 4.30pm see poster in porch of pick up a flyer.

TABOR SCHOOL OF PRAYER September 2012 - May 2013 - Sharing the journey of prayer with others. The School of Prayer is for those who realise the importance of personal prayer in their lives and are seeking a deeper relationship with God. The course is intended to be experiential. Participants will be invited to take an active part in spiritual conversation, workshops and small group sharing. Please contact us for a brochure and application form. Closing date 8th September 2012

FIRST CHOICE CREDIT UNION at the Citizens Advice Bureau, 19-21 Parson Lane, Clitheroe 01200 428966 on Fridays 2pm and 3pm. See poster in porch

HALLS FOR HIRE for Birthdays, Celebrations, Funeral receptions, Anniversaries etc. For St Michael & St John's contact Kevin Shepherd 01200 428915 and for St Mary's, Sabden contact Suzanne Brown 01282 771517

VACANT POST due to Anne Marie Coppock's retirement, applications are now invited for the post of CAFOD Salford Diocesan Manager. Full or part-time applications will be considered. Job description and application form on www.cafod.org.uk/jobs. Closing date 15th September 2012

JUSTICE AND PEACE ASSOCIATION at Holy cross College, Bury on 30th September. See poster in porch

APOSTLESHIP OR PRAYER leaflets for September available from porch

TEA DANCE Wednesday 19th September 2pm - 5pm in our Parish Hall. Come and enjoy a delicious Afternoon Tea - still only £3.50

FLOWER FESTIVAL at St Wulstans Church, Gt Harwood 7th - 9th September. See poster in porch

PROLIFE The Pro-Life group would like to thank all who walked, sponsored or helped in anyway with the sponsored walk on Monday. The conditions were atrocious - wet and muddy. Sponsors are asked to keep their promises. We would also thank the Knights of St Columba for £200 towards the fund.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY There will be a meeting for anyone who wishes to be involved in this years Christmas Fayre, after the next Parish Forum meeting on 19th September

Next Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday - there will be a retiring collection at all masses next weekend

NEXT WEEKEND ROTA	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	P.Hardwick	P.Drews & R.Conti
Readers	R Carter	M.Barrett
Eucharistic Ministers	B.Worden & H Addy	J.Hall, S.Hall, B.Collinson
Tea & Coffee Rota		C.James, M.Tomlinson, A.Pritchard

CLITHEROE

ROSARY OF THE UNBORN will be said after Mass/Service this coming week for all Pro-Life intentions. Our Lady of Guadalupe pray for us

LADIES GROUP Our Ladies would like to thank all those parishioners who came along and supported the Treasure Hunt and Dinner on Wednesday - a good time was had by all. Our next big event will be on Wednesday 3rd October when Simon Entwistle will be giving a talk - Local Heroes and Villains. Tickets will be on sale 22/23 and 29/30 September £5. Proceeds in aid of Scouts and Guides Headquarters.

PARISH DRAW One of the items at the Parish Forum was whether or not to continue running the Parish Draw. Back in 1996 we had 409 members each paying £10 for a year which brought in, after the deduction of £2,000 prize money, a profit of £2,090. Since then the numbers have declined significantly and this year there are only just over 200 members. In order to run the draw and make a reasonable profit we need at least 100 new members or we would have to put up the yearly entry fee which we don't really want to do. Could you ask around your friends and family to join - its only £10 for the year (less than 20p a week) and you have the chance of winning £100, £25 or £10 each month. If you have never had a ticket before for whatever reason and you would like to join then please sign the forms provided at the back of church or please contact Janet

BAPTISM We welcome to our parish community Maximus Francis O'Callaghan, Erin Middleton Whalley, Jasmine Hodgson-Lavarello, Daniel James Keen, Charlie Brown Maudsley, Oscar Jacob Brown, Tiffany Louise Corbett and Guillaume Damien Jean-Yves Niquet, all of whom were baptised over the holiday period.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY There will be a quarterly collection after both masses this weekend. Envelopes will be placed at the end of each bench for those wishing to Git Aid their donations. We rely on your generosity.

**SABDEN**

BONUS BALL Recent winners - 26 Carol and Harry Waterworth, 43 Mr & Mrs McNamara, 41 Leo & Betty Clarkson, 40 The Brown family

NEXT SUNDAY 9th September Steve Robinson will be with us

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL collect batteries and Nestle cereal tokens. Please hand in at school or in the container in porch